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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. STEROID CHEMISTRY DELEGATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

THE IMPASSE OVER INCLUSION OF CHINA SCHOLAR DAVID LAMPTON ON THE CSC-SPONSORED STEROID CHEMISTRY DELEGATION TO THE PRC IS NOT YET RESOLVED. AT THE SEPTEMBER 1 CSC-PRCLO MEETING, BOTH SIDES HELD TO THEIR PREVIOUS POSITIONS. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED ANNE KEATLEY TO ATTEMPT TO FIND SOME MEANS OF RESOLVING THE DISPUTE AND CSC CABLED THE PRC HOST ORGANIZATION SEPTEMBER 2 POSING NO OBJECTION TO PRC DESIGNATION OF LAMPTON AS AN INTERPRETER BUT REITERATING THAT HE IS A FULL DELEGATION MEMBER AND SHOULD RECEIVE THE SAME TREATMENT AND PRIVILEGES. MEANWHILE, CSC IS INFORMING PRCLO ORALLY THAT THE DELEGATION MUST HAVE VISA APPROVAL BY SEPTEMBER 6 IN ORDER TO MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. ACCORDING TO ANNE KEATLEY, IF THE PRC DOES NOT ACCEPT THIS CSC POSITION, THE

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VISIT WILL BE CANCELLED. WE HAVE PREPARED A BRIEFING

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY.

2. MANSFIELD VISIT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

JOHN THOMAS HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CODEL MANSFIELD VISIT WILL TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 21-OCTOBER 12. THE PARTY TOTALS TEN MEMBERS INCLUDING SENATOR AND MRS. GLENN AND VIC DIKEOS, REPRESENTING STATE. WE EXPECT THEY WILL TRAVEL BY SPECIAL AIRCRAFT.

3. CODEL CURTIS (UNCLASSIFIED)

WE INFORMED THE NSC SEPTEMBER 2 THAT THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT THE "OFFICIAL" CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION HEADED BY SENATORS CARL CURTIS AND BIRCH BAYH, WHICH ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO VISIT THE PRC IN AUGUST, BE RESCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER OR AFTER THE ELECTIONS. THE WHITE HOUSE PLANS TO CONTACT PRCLO TO SEE IF NEW DATES CAN BE WORKED OUT.

5. PEKING LAUNCHES ITS SIXTH EARTH SATELLITE (SECRET)

NCNA ANNOUNCED AUGUST 30 THE LAUNCHING OF CHINA'S SIXTH EARTH SATELLITE AND SAID THAT THE DEVICE WAS FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. THE CHINESE DID NOT REVEAL THE SATELLITE'S MISSION, BUT THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING FOR SOME TIME TO IMPROVE THEIR PHOTOGRAPHIC AND ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY VIS-A-VIS THE SOVIET UNION.

OTHER ITEMS COVERED:

4. TA KUNG PAO ON TAIWAN'S NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT (UNCLASSIFIED)

6. FEI I-MIN POSTPONES CU GRANT (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

7. MORE EARTHQUAKE TREMORS (UNCLASSIFIED)

8. HUA KUO-FENG ADDRESSES EARTHQUAKE RALLY (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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